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## SOUTH STEENS CAMPGROUND ON STEENS MOUNTAIN TO BE OPEN

South Steens Campground on Steens Mountain is scheduled to be open for the summer season on Tuesday, May 4, 2004. Maintenance crews have completed spring road improvements on the south segment of the Steens Mountain Loop Road and campground amenities including garbage service, rest room facilities, and drinking water have been restored.

Visitors to South Steens Campground will find 36 campsites, 15 equestrian sites with horse tie areas and corrals, vault toilets, picnic tables and grills, garbage service, drinking water, and opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and sightseeing. Nearby attractions include Riddle Brothers Historic Ranch District, Big Indian Gorge, and Little Blitzen Gorge.

Travelers are reminded that camping fees of \$6.00 per vehicle per night will be in effect and access beyond South Steens Campground will be closed until road conditions improve.

For information on how to access South Steens Campground, on current road and weather conditions in the area, or on other recreation opportunities on public land, visit the Burns District Office at 28910 Highway 20 W, Hines, Oregon, call (541) 573-4400, weekdays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or view our Web site at www.or.blm.gov/Burns